SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, have the Government in their possession any statistics of how many traffic accidents that occur during a period of one year so that they may realize the necessity for widening this bridge or constructing a new bridge as early as possible and urge upon the Central Government to expedite it, not merely in correspondence, but in actual execution?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I do not think the importance of the bridge can be measured only by the number of accidents that occur in the bridge. It is a very important bridge because it is the only link between the City of Madras and the other side of the State and therefore everything possible is being done.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : Sir, may I know the proportion of the contribution from the Corporation and the Centre?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is a matter under negotiation.

I.C.S. Officers

* 33 *S.N.Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of I.C.S. officers who resigned their offices during the period 1956–58;

(*b*) the number of I.C.S. officers who were allowed to retire prematurely during the period 1956–58; and

(*c*) the reasons therefore, in each of the cases referred to in clauses (*a*) and (*b*)?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Three.

(*c*) On their own requests.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : ஸார், எம். வி. சுப்பிரமணியம், ஐ.ஸி.எஸ். என்று சொல்லக்கூடிய அதிகாரி ரெவினியூ போர்ட் ஸ்டாண்டிங் ஆர்டர்ஸ் பிரகாரம் தாசில்தார் லிஸ்ட்களைப் போட்டரர்கள். அதில் சர்க்கார் தலையிட்டது என்று பேசப்படுகிறது. அதில் எந்த அளவிற்கு உண்மை இருக்கிறது என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members are supposed not to refer to individual cases during question time. They can only ask about general policy. The hon. Member very cleverly did not put this in the original question which I would have disallowed; he now puts it by way of a supplementary question.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : இது ஒரு தப்பு அர்த்தத்தைக் கொடுக்கக் கூடியதால் இதைப் பற்றி விவரிக்க விரும்புகிறேன். எம். வி. சுப்பிரமணியம் அவர்கள் உடல் நிலை சரியாக இல்லை என்ற காரணத்தினால் ரிடையராகவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டார். அதே காரணம் தானேயொழிய வேறு கிடையாது.

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SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Sir, generally the I.C.S. officers are, so far as they are concerned, efficient officers. Why is it that three of these officers were allowed to retire prematurely and why were not they requested and pressed to remain so that they could render useful service to our State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We want only willing officers. No use requesting persons who want to retire. Nothing will be gained by requesting them to continue against their wishes.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, were these officers paid any compensation for the premature retirement?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes; as per rules they are entitled to pension afterwards.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : இந்த அதிகாரிகள் ஓய்வு எடுத்துக் கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று சொன்னதற்குப் பின்னர் வேறு ஏதாவது எழுதியிருக்கிறார்களா ? உடல் நிலை தவிர, இதர ஆபீஸர்கள் இதர காரணங்களைக் கூறியிருக்கிறார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : நான் எம். வி. சுப்பிரமணியம் அவர்களைப் பற்றி உடல் நிலை காரணம் என்று கூறினேன். மற்றவர்கள் வேறு ஒன்றும் கூறவில்லை.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, as amongst the three cases, was there any instance where their opinions were found to be contradictory with the opinions held by the Government and that culminated in their retirement, by their giving the cause as old-age, inability to serve the State, etc.?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Not so, as far as I know. Because, I have not known their views nor do I know whether they hold contrary views. No case I have come across wherein any serious difference of opinion existed between the officers and the Government. The officers are expected to carry out the policy of the Government.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Second Language Test

* 491 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI AND SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to the answers given to questions Nos. 63 and 64 on the 2nd November 1957—

(*a*) whether the Government have reached any decision in regard to the Second Language Tests;

(*b*) if not, when the decision is likely to be taken;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to stop the tests in Telugu, Malayalam and Kanarese at least till the whole question is settled; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Language Tests have been abolished for Government servants in Andhra, Kerala and Mysore?